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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

## 11 THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY.

No. C-07-03872 CW

**Plaintiff,**

VS.

14 WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION and DOES 1  
15 to 50 inclusive.

**STIPULATION AND JOINT REQUEST  
FOR ASSIGNMENT TO MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE BERNARD ZIMMERMAN FOR  
ALL PURPOSES**

**Defendant.**

**TO THE HONORABLE CLAUDIA WILKEN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:**

19       1. This matter is before the Court on removal jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332  
20 and 1441. The amount in controversy is approximately \$169,240.

21       2. At the Initial Case Management Conference on November 6, 2007, this Court urged the  
22 parties to give serious consideration to stipulating to this matter being heard by a Magistrate Judge.  
23 The Court suggested that the parties could either simply consent to a hearing by a Magistrate Judge  
24 or express a preference for a particular Magistrate Judge.

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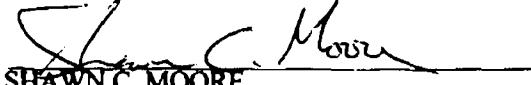
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1       3. At this time, assuming that such an assignment is consistent with the interests and work  
2 load of the Court, the parties jointly request that, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 subpart c, this  
3 matter be assigned to Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

4 Dated: February 11, 2008

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6 By:   
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THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

9 Dated: February 11, 2008

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15 ORDER

16 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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18 Dated: February 11, 2008

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20 THE HONORABLE CLAUDIA WILKEN  
21 United States District Judge

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